

VAGUE RUMOR
OF PEACEReached London Today and
Securities Grew Strong

IS RUSSIA ANXIOUS?

Baron Hayashi Reports That Russians
Left 1,200 Corpses on Field
of Battle South of
Mukden.

London, Jan. 31.—The securities market was unusually firm today, Japanese bonds being the feature. This strength was attributed to the vague rumors of impending peace in the far east. While there was no definite news to confirm the report there has been good buying and the assumption is that Russia has become anxious to conclude peace at the first opportunity.

1,200 CORPSES.

Left On Field South of Mukden by the
Russians.

London, Jan. 31.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, this morning received a despatch from Field Marshal Oyama stating that the Russians left 1,200 corpses on the field south of Mukden.

QUIET IN ST. PETERSBURG.

So Say the Despatches, at Least — Sporadic Outbreaks.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 31.—No exciting incidents are reported anywhere this morning, although sporadic disturbances continue; they are spiritless.

130,000 strikers have returned to work. Several hundred who have been arrested since the trouble, have been released after having been flogged. The number of strikes inflicted varied from 50 to 200. In the provinces these arrests continue. A despatch from Sevastopol states that 900 have been arrested there.

CIVIL WAR EXISTS.

Says a Berlin Paper of Conditions in
Warsaw Today.

Berlin, Jan. 31.—The Zeitung this morning reports that the condition of civil war exists in Warsaw, Russia. The rebels have erected barricades, hundreds of shops have been plundered, and the rebels have poured tons of petroleum into the streets and set it afire. Complete anarchy prevails. The fighting around the barricades continued through the night. In one section the rebels have mastered the situation. The police have died and huge placards have been posted announcing the establishment of revolutionary municipal regime.

Serious Collision at Warsaw.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 31.—An official despatch from Warsaw confirms the report of serious collisions between the troops, police and strikers. There were numerous casualties.

EDWARD'S DAUGHTER ILL.

Had Operations for Appendicitis Per-
formed Today.

London, Jan. 31.—Princess Victoria, King Edward's daughter, was operated on this morning for appendicitis by Sir Frederick Travers. The princess is progressing favorably.

Kaiser's Son Is Better.

Berlin, Jan. 31.—Prince Eitel Frederick, the Kaiser's second son, who is ill with inflammation of the lungs, is now passing through the crisis. Whether the result will be life or death will be decided within the next twenty-four hours.

POLICEMAN SHOT A MAN.

Desperate Encounter on the Streets of
Boston This Morning.

Boston, Jan. 31.—Edward Bannion of Roxbury, with a companion, was discovered coming out of Fitzgerald's saloon, on Washington street, near Milk, at five o'clock this morning, by Policeman Barry, who grabbed Bannion. A struggle ensued, in which Barry was considerably hurt. Finally Bannion got away but Barry followed him and when the burglar turned and pointed a revolver at his pursuer, Barry fired, killing Bannion on the spot. The other burglar got away.

Roosevelt Returns to Washington.

Washington, Jan. 31.—President Roosevelt returned to Washington this morning. The trip from Philadelphia was without incident.

EAST MONTPELIER.

The one-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Adams died at 11 o'clock this morning of croup and convulsions.

BLUEBEARD HOCH
ARRESTED LAST NIGHTAdmitted His Identity But Declares He
Is a Much Abused Man — Said
to Have Been Married
20 Times.

New York, Jan. 31.—Johann Hoch, charged with bigamy and wife abandonment in Chicago and who, it is alleged, married twenty women, was arrested in a boarding house in West Forty-Seventh street last night by central office detectives. He admitted his identity, although when first arrested he gave the name of Henry Bartels. At the Forty-Seventh street station, where he was taken, he said:

"I'm Hoch, and a much abused man."

"How abused?" he was asked.

He had nothing to say. He gave his name as John Joseph Adolph Hoch, said he is 45 years old, a machinist, living at 6430 Union avenue, Chicago. He is arrested on a charge of bigamy and wife abandonment. Here he is known under the names of Alfred Hecht, Albert Buseberg, Joseph Hoch, Jacob Hoch, and Adolph Brumm. Hoch denied murdering Marie Fisher Jan. 12. He said that after she died he came to New York at once and has been here ever since. Hoch went to Miss Kimmeler's Wednesday last. He was locked up in police headquarters.

Mrs. Catherine Kimmeler, the landlady, says he engaged board on Saturday and had not been in the house twenty minutes when he asked to be allowed to peel some potatoes for her. Today he proposed marriage and she then told the police.

Four detectives hurried to the house and waited for Hoch, who came in at 10 o'clock.

"Hello, Hoch," was the detectives' greeting.

"Howdy," was the man's reply, and then quickly added "My name is not Hoch." The prisoner made no resistance and was taken to the station, where he described himself as Henry Bartels, 45 years old, of 546 West Forty-Seventh street.

Everything the man had on him or in his possession, was new. He had a new suit of clothes, six new handkerchiefs, one razor, a new trunk and other articles, all new. He also had six \$100 bills and change in every pocket of his clothing.

In one pocket was a newspaper containing a record of Johann Hoch, and a description of him.

The Chicago police were at once notified of the capture.

Hoch stated that he had not been married twenty times. He said he had been married only twice, and his first wife was still alive.

LOST HIS CASE.

Verdict for Defendant in Suit Brought
by Prof. Wilkins.

Burlington, Jan. 31.—Because he has no license to practice medicine a case was decided against Prof. B. George Wilkins vs. V. Boyd, it being a case to recover \$35.50 for professional services in caring for Mrs. Boyd.

The defendant claimed that Prof. Wilkins examined his wife and announced that she was suffering from a tumor. He made a contract to cure her, the defendant claimed, and as a result Mrs. Boyd entered Prof. Wilkins' home and placed herself under his care. Instead of getting better, the defendant claimed, his wife grew worse and finally left the home. Later she consulted a physician, who said her trouble was caused by muscular rheumatism, treated her for that and effected a cure.

COULDN'T SHUT HIS MOUTH.

Predicament of Bellows Falls Man Who
Had Yawned.

Bellows Falls, Jan. 31.—A man employed at the Vermont Farm Machine works recently endeavored to yawn and could not shut his mouth. He was taken to a physician, who had considerable difficulty in closing it for him.

Railroad Officers Elected.

New York, Jan. 31.—William H. Newman of the New York Central railroad was today elected president of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis railroad. He was also elected president of the Michigan Central road.

A Japanese Attack Repulsed.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 31.—A Sachstun despatch states that the Japanese attack on Landong, southeast of Mukden, has been repulsed.

Chief Feature of Grant Park, Chicago
Henry G. Foreman, writing in the February Century about "Chicago's New Park Service," says

While the South park commissioners have added fifteen new parks to the public area under their care, the show piece will be the enlarged Grant park, the old lake front, of which Chicago has been ashamed for years. Its crown jewel feature will be the new Field Columbian museum. In the design and proportions of the building special thought is given to the opportunities offered by the location. The building will be constructed of white granite reared upon a terrace. The design calls for a building 1,000 feet by 556 feet in ground measure. It is in the form of two vaulted halls, crossing at right angles and surmounted with a dome at their intersection. Smaller halls and courts fill out the four angles of the cross, making the exterior a rectangle, with its long side toward the lake.

The Air of the Alps.

A scientist of Switzerland has tested the mountain air of that country and found that not a microbe infects the air above an altitude of 2,000 feet.

WILL GIVE
A HEARINGOn Stay of Execution For
Mary M. Rogers

AT MONTPELIER TOMORROW

Attorney T. W. Maloney Tells Gov. Bell
He Has Evidence That Will Cause
a Senation — Hearing Wed-
nesday at Noon.

Rutland, Jan. 31.—Attorney T. W. Maloney, who has interested himself in the case of Mary M. Rogers, who is sentenced to be hanged for murder next Friday, and who has been trying to get into communication with Gov. Bell for a day, located the executive on the train today, bound for Timmouthe, where he was going to institute a new charge tonight. At the earnest solicitation of Mr. Maloney, Gov. Bell agreed to give a hearing on the question of granting a stay of execution. The hearing will be held at the Pavilion Hotel in Montpelier, tomorrow at noon. Attorney Maloney is quite confident that he will be able to get a reprieve.

After seeing the Governor he intimated that there would be a sensation at the hearing, which is taken to mean that there will be some startling evidence introduced, that has previously been unknown. Mr. Maloney refused to say what the nature of the sensation would be. He did state that he expected several prominent people from this state and other states would be present at the hearing.

If Gov. Bell should grant the stay of execution this evidence will be brought before a future session of the supreme court.

OPERATIONS FOR HANGING.

Deputies Lovell and Spafford to Have
Charge of It.

White River Junction, Jan. 31.—High Sheriff H. H. Peck has arranged with Deputy Sheriffs Wilson S. Lovell of Springfield and Romaine A. Spafford of this place to arrange and carry out all details of the Mary M. Rogers execution.

Deputy Sheriff Spafford was formerly high sheriff. He believes in capital punishment, but does not believe in hanging this woman, when Vermont has commuted the sentences of so many men.

Deputy Lovell's experience as a hangman is broad, he having officiated at seven executions.

Sheriff Peck, although not ill, as has been stated, has never attended an execution, and thus he prefers those of perience to arrange the details. Sheriff Peck stated that he would personally read the death warrant to Mary Rogers.

GOV. BELL'S MAIL.

Letters Piling Up In Heaps at Montpelier
Hotel.

Montpelier, Jan. 30.—Over 300 letters were sent to the Pavilion hotel from the postoffice Saturday and Sunday for Gov. Bell. Many of the letters were large and bulky and several had special delivery stamps attached. When it was found that Gov. Bell was not there the letters were sent back to the office and forwarded to Walden. Most of the letters undoubtedly bore on the Mary Rogers case. The governor's mail at the Montpelier office now is said to average 100 letters a day, it being supposed outside the state that the governor is located here.

The "Black Hand" Letter.

The copy of the "Black Hand" letter to Gov. Bell, which was noted yesterday, is as follows:

Governor Charles James Bell.

Dear Sir:—Unless Mary Rogers, the murderess, is hung the Black Hand will kill you no matter when or how. Our agents start for your place tonight to get the life of the land. All those that go to life prison are soon pardoned and they breed more of their kind. From this day all those that kill shall be killed again secretly. It will save expense. People are sick about those cranks that are always trying to save those that do wrong and we will teach them a lesson. They themselves have murdered some one in their past life. They say you are a coward.

A warning from the dead

Governor, Wife.

HAD HORROR OF POOR HOUSE.

Mrs. Augusta Prevost Would Go to Hos-
pital, However.

Mrs. Augusta Prevost, a woman 82 years of age, who has lived in Barre off and on, was taken to the Heaton hospital Sunday, having been taken ill with pneumonia. Mrs. Prevost would not consent to be removed from the Montpelier House until she was told that she would not be taken to the poor house. Of that she had a horror. At one time she was assisted by a former overseer of the poor. Later she paid the money all back. She always wears an old fashioned bonnet and carries a cotton umbrella as a constant companion. She belongs in the town of Calais, so it is reported, but she has absolutely refused to be placed on the poor farm in any of the towns where she has made her home. For a number of years she has travelled back and forth from Calais to Waterbury, Montpelier and Barre. She made a little money selling small things.

MONTPELIER
HAS A FIREThe Journal and Knights of
Pythias Burned Out

SABIN BLOCK WAS GUTTED

While Fire Was in Progress Policeman
Discovered Another Brisk Blaze
in Progress Back of Mayor
Corry's Store.

The three-story Sabin block on Main street in Montpelier, occupied by the plant of the Montpelier Journal and the Knights of Pythias, was damaged by fire early this morning. The newspaper is a heavy loser and the lodge also had considerable of its furnishings destroyed. The total loss is set at \$12,000. It has been impossible to determine the cause of the fire, but it is thought to have started about the furnace. The whole row of buildings on Main street was threatened, and if there had been any wind it is probable that they could not have been saved.

The losses are as follows:

The Charles T. Sabin estate, owners of the building, \$3,000, insured for \$7,500, of which \$3,000 is in the Vermont Mutual and \$2,500 in the Providence Mutual.

The Vermont Watchman company, publishers of the Daily Journal and the Weekly Watchman, loss estimated at from \$5,000 to \$7,000, with insurance amounting to \$9,400. Of the insurance, \$3,000 is in the Vermont Mutual, \$2,500 on machinery, fixtures and supplies, \$425 on paper and \$75 on office furniture; \$1,000 in the Sun company of London; Washburn's agencies had \$2,000; the Union Mutual had \$3,400.

The Knights of Pythias \$750, with no insurance.

Charles A. Webb, the city editor, and Fred Spencer, a reporter, were working in the editorial rooms of the paper on the second floor, when the fire was discovered. That was shortly after eleven o'clock. Mr. Webb smelled smoke, and asked the latter to look in his waste paper basket to see if a blaze had been started there. No signs of fire could be discovered. They then looked about the room and saw a column of smoke pouring up the slide used to carry letters from the business office to the editorial rooms. Bursting open the doors to the composing room they were met by a dense volume of smoke. An alarm was then rung in.

The flames worked their way up the stairways, and up the dummy which carries the forms from the composing room to the press room, and when the firemen arrived they had a most difficult task to contend with. A large amount of water had to be poured into the burning building, and as a result very great damage was done by that. The firemen thought they had the fire all out at one time, but the flames broke out near the roof of the building, and they had to go at their task with redoubled vigor. The damage is confined almost entirely to the Sabin block, although a building adjoining was on fire at one time. The interior of the building presents a sorry appearance today. Everything is thickly coated with ice, the water freezing as soon as it was poured onto the fire. In the basement there was an especially large stock of paper and this is a complete loss through water, if not by fire. The presses are surrounded with water, and it is impossible to state just what the damage to them will be. Two Unit type machines, for setting type, are chunks of ice. Whether they are damaged beyond repair cannot be ascertained until the ice is removed. All the type outside of the machines is a complete loss, and not much will be saved from the wreckage of the other mechanical parts of the plant.

In the business office on the first floor the contents of the safe are intact. The files of the paper are also safe, having been carried out last night. Everything that was not burned up in the editorial room just above is encased in ice. On the third floor front were the rooms of the Knights of Pythias and they were also gutted. Their furnishings will be practically a total loss, the amount exceeding \$500.

At 10:30 o'clock last evening there was no sign of fire in the business office as Walter Goss, one of the employees, left at that time. The last one of the employees in the basement where the fire is supposed to have originated, was the foreman of the composing room, George Archer. He left at supper time. The editor of the paper, Arthur Ropes, is quite ill at his home on State street.

Mr. Webb, the city editor, is getting out an edition of the paper today as usual, although none of the equipment can be used, and the employees were forced to take temporary quarters elsewhere. The compositors are at work in the Buzzell office, the editorial rooms are at the city clerk's office, and the paper will be printed from the press of Dean Edson. They will publish a five-column paper today.

A Second Fire.

While the firemen were fighting the fire in the Sabin block and after they had got it fairly under control, an alarm was rung in for a blaze in the rear of Mayor Corry's store on the same street and about 300 yards away. This was easily extinguished as it had just got started under a stairway outside the building. There was every indication that this blaze was of incendiary origin,

as there was no means for its catching. A charred piece of timber was found afterwards. The building was not damaged, but the clapboards were scorched. If it had been discovered later, the fire would have been a difficult one to handle. Policeman Wood rang the alarm. There is no suspicion as to the person responsible.

FINE BARN BURNED.

Overturned Lantern Caused a Loss at
Waitsfield Today.

By the overturning of a lantern and its immediate explosion, at seven o'clock this morning, the fine barn of B. D. Bisbee at Waitsfield was burned to the ground with practically everything it contained. The owner is a brother of Postmaster E. W. Bisbee of this city. The barn was one of the finest in Waitsfield and was erected in 1902. All the animals in the building, except one, were saved, but the hay, etc., was destroyed. The loss is set at \$1,500. The barn was insured for \$700 and its contents at \$300.

STILL CONTINUE
TO BE VICTORIOUSYoung Men's Club Basket Ball Team
Defeated Co. H at Montpelier by
Score of 18 to 6 Last Evening.

Making Eighth Victory.

The Y. M. C. basketball team went to Montpelier last evening and defeated the Company H team by the score of 18 to 6. The game was played in the armory and was a fast and interesting one. Rust tossed the ball into Montpelier's basket almost at will, and Smith and Summers both threw pretty baskets from the field. During the last period Rust fell onto a stove in a corner of the hall and burned his arm and side considerably, but he finished the game, although his burns were very painful.

The line up:
O. H. Y. M. C.
M. Crapo, r f. Smith, r f.
Wilkins, r f. Summers, c.
E. Crapo, l f. Collins, c.
De Collaines, c. Rust, l g.
Flint, l g. Will, l g.
Scott, r g. Buswell, r g. Sheriffs.

Summary: Baskets from the floor, Smith 2, Summers 1, Rust 4, E. Crapo 1; baskets from foul, Rust 4, E. Crapo 1; referee, Gauthier; umpire, Smith; timer, Marriani. Three 15 minute periods were played.

Boys' Club Won a Game Too.

The Boys' Club basketball team defeated the Goddard third team at the club gymnasium on Church street last evening by the score of 10-0. The game was very exciting.

FIRST BASKET BALL.

Burlington High School Won From Ver-
mont Academy Team.

Burlington, Jan. 31.—In the fastest game of basketball seen in this city this year, the Burlington high school last evening defeated the strong team from Vermont Academy by the score of 30 to 15. The game, although somewhat roughly played by both sides at times, was intensely interesting and was greatly enjoyed by the crowd of spectators present, which filled the seating and standing area to the extent of its capacity.

LEADERS WENT DOWN.

Manchester Unity Cribbagers Accom-
plished the Trick.

The Manchester Unity cribbage team downed the leaders, the C. O. F.'s, in the league contest last evening by winning at five of the eight tables. The result by tables was as follows: Anderson and Murray, M. U., defeated McNulty and White, C. O. F.; Williams and Riddle, M. U., defeated Burke and Brault, C. O. F.; Johnson and Joll, M. U., defeated Frenier and Loranger, C. O. F.; Mearns and Reid, M. U., defeated Nelson and Tierney, C. O. F.; Parker and Oliver, M. U., defeated Brown and Moore, C. O. F.

Kelly and Gooch, C. O. F., defeated Howe and Borgh, M. U.; Gallagher and McNulty, C. O. F., defeated Allen and Oliver, M. U.; Nelson and LeClair, C. O. F., defeated Gamble and Bressett, M. U. The F. of A. and I. O. O. F. teams will play Wednesday evening.

A meeting of the executive committee will be held in the club rooms Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

The cribbage league standing:
F. W. L. Pct.
C. O. F. 85 51 37 375
C. G. 80 42 38 325
F. of A. 80 41 39 313
M. U. 88 44 44 500
R. M. 80 38 42 475
I. O. O. F. 80 32 48 400

SMASHING RECORDS AGAIN.

O'Leary's on Warpath and Fairly Scalp-
ed the Eagles.

The O'Leary's defeated the Eagles last evening at Alexander's alloys, and not only defeated them, but smashed the intercity records in doing it. The new team single record is 961 and the team total 2673.

O'LEARYS.
Trenoweth 160 180 201—541
Noonan 167 186 177—530
Davis 191 181 199—571
Charbonneau 133 241 165—539
Byrnes 135 173 193—501

EAGLES.
Reid 120 131 149—400
Douglas 165 150 150—465
Thompson 165 139 175—479
Mudgett 188 171 288—547
Averill 160 153 133—446

NO-LICENSE
CAMPAIGNArranged For By Local Men
Last Evening

ACTIVE PREPARATIONS

At Meeting in Congregational Church
Vestry, Montpelier Minister Told
How Campaign Was Conducted
in His City Last Year.

The no-license campaign in Barre was started last evening by a party of fifteen or twenty persons who gathered in the vestry of the Congregational church and talked over the situation. No definite action was taken other than to appoint the Rev. W. A. Kinzie, pastor of the Baptist church, as chairman of the general committee, whose business it shall be to correspond with various parties and gather data to be presented at the next meeting of the no-license people next Monday evening. At that time the work of the campaign will be apportioned to various committees and the persons to do the work will be appointed. The Rev. Ralph F. Lowe, pastor of the Harding M. E. church, was chairman of the meeting last evening.

Among those present was the Rev. Guy C. Lamson, pastor of the Montpelier Baptist church, he having been invited to give a report of the manner of conducting the campaign in Montpelier. This he did in detail. He also stated that he expected that the same line of work will be followed out this year.

IS IN TROUBLE.

Former Barre Bank Man Charged With
Big Peculations.

The following from the St. Johnsbury Caledonian will be of interest to Barre people as the principal figure was some time ago a prominent citizen of Barre, having been for several years cashier of the Barre National Bank. He was also the first captain of the Barre militia company, and the company which was then known as the Spencer Rifles, took its name from him. While in Barre Mr. Spencer was a very popular man.

The many St. Johnsbury friends of Carl M. Spencer and family of Des Moines Iowa, are deeply pained to learn of his troubles. The circumstances of the case are so pathetic that all his friends hope his financial difficulties can be straightened out without the intervention of the law. The facts in the case are given in a special despatch to the New York World of Jan. 22.

"Carl M. Spencer for nine years was connected with the Des Moines National Bank. For five years his record was stainless. Then his son, two years old, received a stroke of paralysis. A distinguished European specialist came to New York and Spencer took his boy there for treatment. His salary being insufficient to maintain his family and pay the specialist for the treatment of his boy, he began a misappropriation of the bank's funds.

"The boy received no relief and for four years has been the subject of his father's unceasing solicitude. Finally awakening to his predicament Spencer called the bank officials together and told them all. He promised to settle and did his best, but the bank and Spencer's bondsmen could not wait and his arrest followed. The preachers of Des Moines today prayed in their pulpits that Spencer might be able to adjust his troubles with the bank without prosecution and that the little paralytic son be made well. Spencer's peculation amounts to \$9,400."

MISS BRIDGET CROWLEY

Death of Well Liked Woman, at Brother's
Home in East Barre.

The funeral of Miss Bridget Crowley of Montpelier, who died at East Barre Sunday, was held this morning from St. Augustine's church in Graniteville and the interment was in the Catholic cemetery in this city. Miss Crowley had gone to East Barre several weeks ago to care for her sister, Mary, who was ill. She was taken ill with typhoid fever herself.

The deceased was 35 years of age and for 12 years was employed in the family of Hon. B. F. Field of Montpelier. She had many friends in Montpelier who were shocked to hear of her death. Miss Crowley was born in Fayston where Daniel Crowley, her father, was a farmer for 30 years. Besides her parents she is survived by five brothers and one sister, John of Barre, William of East Barre, Patrick of Graniteville, Thomas and Peter of Montpelier, and Mary Crowley of East Barre. Her parents are living in East Barre, where she died.

AN OLD RESIDENT.

Mrs. Katherine McLaughlin Died This
Morning, Aged 88 Years.

Mrs. Katherine McLaughlin, aged 88 years and 8 months, died about six o'clock this morning of old age at the home of her son, James McLaughlin, of Elmwood avenue. She is survived by four sons, James and Daniel of Barre, John and Barney of Jericho.

The deceased came to this country about 50 years ago from Ireland on the Black Star line steamer which took seven weeks and three days to come over. She had been blind during the last few years of her life.

The funeral will be held from St. Monica's church at early mass Thursday morning and the body will be taken to Burlington for burial.